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FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF THE U.S. STATEMENT DELIVERED AT
THE 1975 PLEDGING CONFERENCE FOR UNICEF ON NOVEMBER 6 BY
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U. S. DELEGATION STATEMENT TO THE 1975 PLEDGING CONFERENCE --

UNITED NATIONS CHILDREN'S FUND

THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT.

ON THIS OCCASION OF THE SECOND UNICEF PLEDGING
CONFERENCE, I AM PLEASED TO REITERATE THE SUPPORT OF MY
GOVERNMENT FOR UNICEF AND THE MANY VARIED PROGRAMS IT HAS
INSTITUTED THROUGHOUT THE WORLD TO EASE THE SUFFERING AND IMPROVE
THE LOT OF CHILDREN. MILLIONS OF CHILDREN HAVE BETTER PROS-
PECTS FOR A MORE PROMISING FUTURE BECAUSE OF UNICEF'S WORK.

I WOULD ALSO WISH TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITH TO COMMEND

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THE ENERGETIC, DEVOTED, AND EFFECTIVE EFFORTS OF THE HEAD-

QUARTERS AND FIELD STAFFS OF UNICEF UNDER THE DISTINGUISHED LEADERSHIP OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, MR. HARRY LABOUISSSE. IT IS HIS AND THEIR INSPIRATION AND EFFECTIVE MANAGEMENT WHICH HAVE TRANSFORMED OUR CONTRIBUTIONS INTO BETTER NUTRITION, IMPROVED HEALTH, CLEAN WATER, EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES, INTO BASIC SERVICES WHICH PROVIDE CHILDREN A BETTER CHANCE FOR LIFE, SURVIVAL, AND TO MAKE FUTURE CONTRIBUTIONS OF THEIR OWN.

THE SUCCESSES OF UNICEF HAVE SERVED TO DEMONSTRATE WHAT CAN BE DONE, AND HOW MUCH STILL MUST BE DONE IF WE ARE TO OVERCOME IGNORANCE, HUNGER, AND DISEASE, AND FURNISH CHILDREN THE BASIC SERVICES THEY NEED TO HAVE A FAIR START IN LIFE.

MR PRESIDENT, I AM NOT IN A POSITION AT THIS TIME TO GIVE A FIRM INDICATION AS TO WHAT THE U.S. CONTRIBUTION WILL BE IN 1976. CONGRESSIONAL ACTION ON THE 1976 U.S. CONTRIBUTION IS STILL IN PROCESS, AND UNTIL THAT IS COMPLETED, IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO ENTER A PLEDGE.

I DO WISH TO INDICATE, HOWEVER, THAT THE PROPOSAL CURRENTLY BEFORE THE CONGRESS REPRESENTS AN INCREASE IN THE U.S. CONTRIBUTION TO UNICEF OVER 1975, REFLECTING OUR CONTINUED ESTEEM AND SUPPORT FOR THE HIGH LEVEL OF UNICEF PERFORMANCE.

THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT.

NOVEMBER 7, 1975

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